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SUBJ: ME SITUATION: SYG LETTER RE TRANSFER OF UN
MILITARY OBSERVERS IN EGYPT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED OCT 8, 1973, FROM SYG
TO PRES OF SC REQUESTING TRANSFER OF UN MILITARY OBSERVERS IN
EGYPT FROM OBSERVATION POSTS TO CIARO:

QTE:

YOU WILL RECALL THAT BY A CONSENSUS EXPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT
AND APPROVED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE 1366TH MEETING
ON 9/10 JULY 1967 (S/8047), THE SECRETARY-GENERAL REQUESTED
THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUCE SUPERVISION
ORGANIZATION IN PALESTINE (UNTSO)"...TO WORK OUT WITH THE
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GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AND ISRAEL, AS

SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE, THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO STATION UNITED NATIONS MILITARY OBSERVERS IN THE SUEZ CANAL SECTOR UNDER THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF UNTSO". SINCE THAT TIME UNITED NATIONS MILITARY OBSERVERS HAVE BEEN STATIONED ON BOTH BANKS OF THE SUEZ CANAL.

ON THE EVENING OF 7 OCTOBER 1973, THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF UNTSO RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES THAT THE UNITED NATIONS MILITARY OBSERVERS BE IMMEDIATELY EVACUATED TO CAIRO. THE CHIEF OF STAFF REPLIED THAT, IN VIEW OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSENSUS MENTIONED ABOVE, HE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE THIS REQUEST FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE MILITARY OBSERVERS DIRECT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. I HAVE ASKED THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF UNTSO FOR A COMPLETE REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENTS.

ON THE MORNING OF 8 OCTOBER I SPOKE WITH THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF EGYPT ON THIS MATTER. THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF EGYPT SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO EXPRESS ITS THANKS FOR THE WORK AND HELP OF THE UNITED NATIONS MILITARY OBSERVERS. OWING TO THE FACT THAT THE OBSERVERS ARE NOW BEHIND THE EGYPTIAN LINES, WHICH PUTS THEM IN PHYSICAL DANGER AND MAKES THEIR PRESENCE UNNECESSARY, THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TAKE MEASURES FOR THEIR TRANSFER TO CAIRO FOR THEIR SECURITY.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSENSUS OF JULY 1967, I WISH TO INFORM YOU, AS PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, IMMEDIATELY OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. DETAILS OF THE ACTUAL DEVELOPMENTS IN REGARD TO INDIVIDUAL OBSERVATION POSTS WILL BE REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL WHEN AVAILABLE IN THE NORMAL WAY.
SIGNED KURT WALDHIEM
SECRETARY GENERAL UNQTE.
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